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### **Department of Health Announces Settlement in Charbonneau Creek Saltwater Spill**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today announced receipt of a settlement with Zenergy Inc. totaling \$123,308.84. The settlement is part of a consent agreement resulting from a January 2006 saltwater spill into Charbonneau Creek west of Alexander, N.D., caused by a leak in one of Zenergy's disposal pipelines.

The total amount paid by Zenergy includes a civil penalty of \$70,000 paid to the state for violations of state laws and regulations, as well as reimbursement to the Department of Health of \$53,308.84 for time and expenses. An additional \$31,750 is suspended and will be cancelled after one year if Zenergy fully complies with the cleanup and does not further violate North Dakota's water pollution laws.

As part of the agreement, Zenergy will continue to clean up the contaminated soil and water impacted by the spill. Thus far, the cleanup has cost Zenergy more than \$2 million.

"This settlement reflects the importance that the Department of Health places on protecting North Dakota's environment," said State Health Officer Terry Dwelle, M.D. "We are pleased with this agreement because it ensures that the environmental contamination will be cleaned up and that the citizens of North Dakota will not shoulder the costs."

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